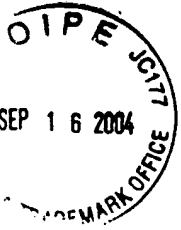


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Sir:

The undersigned notes from his files that a request for continued examination (RCE) was filed in this case August 12, 2003 together with an amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. To date, no action on the merits has been received. The PAIR system indicates a Notice of Allowability being entered August 25, 2003; however, no such notice or issue fee transmittal has ever been received at this office.

The undersigned requests the status of the application. If any fees are due for this request, please charge attorney's deposit account 50-0510 (IBM Yorktown)

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